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Richy Ah-Man Woo, et al. : Confirmation No. Not Yet Assigned
Serial No. 10/820,284 : Group Art Unit Not Yet Assigned
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, record is being made on the attached Form PTO/SB08 of documents which the Patent Office may wish to consider in connection with examination of the above-identified patent application. It is respectfully requested that the cited documents be carefully considered by the Examiner and made of record in this case. As provided in §1.97(g), no representation is made or intended that a thorough art search was made. As provided in 37 C.F.R. §1.97(h), this Information Disclosure Statement does not constitute an admission of any kind, and specifically is not an admission that the documents listed on attached form PTO/SB08 are, or are considered to be, material to the patentability of the above-identified patent application, as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(b).

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3. ☐ **37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(4) - (use when filing IDS prior to receipt of first Office Action after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under §1.114)**

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4. ☐ **37 C.F.R. §1.97(c) with fee payment - (use when filing IDS after receipt of first Office Action, and before receipt of Final Office Action, Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution)**

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5. ☐ **Information to be Considered with Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) Filing (use when filing IDS with a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) for Design Case).** This information disclosure statement is being filed with a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) filed under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(d).

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE NOTED BY THE EXAMINER:

☐ (1) (For use with applications filed prior to or on June 30, 2003.) Copies of the cited documents are enclosed.

OR

☒ (2) (For use with applications filed after June 30, 2003.) In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), Applicants are submitting copies of foreign patent documents and non-patent literature.

OR

☐ (3) All of the cited references were previously cited by or submitted to the USPTO in prior application Case No. ____, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. __, filed __. Applicants claim priority to said application under 35 U.S.C. §120. Accordingly, copies of previously submitted references are not provided with this Statement, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d). It is respectfully requested that the cited documents be carefully considered by the Examiner and made of record in this case.

OR

☐ (4) Copies of all said documents, except Cite Numbers ____, were submitted and considered in parent application U.S. Patent Application Serial No. ____, filed _____. Applicant(s) claim priority to said application under 35 U.S.C. §120. Accordingly, copies of previously submitted references are not provided with this Statement, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d). Copies of references not previously submitted are enclosed. It is respectfully requested that the cited documents be carefully considered by the Examiner and made of record in this case.


☒ (5) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(c), a concise explanation of the relevance of each cited reference that is not in the English language is provided.

☒ (6) Applicants also respectfully request the Examiner to consider and make of record the co-pending applications listed on the attached page.

☐ Additional information is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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<u>Atty. Docket No.</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Inventor(s)</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Publication No.</u>
9213	10/417,462	Kvietok, et al.	April 16, 2003	US 2004/0028551A1*
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CONCISE EXPLANATION OF REFERENCES IN LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH

Spanish patent application ES 1 015 255, according to the English language abstract, relates to an evaporating device for volatile products.

Japanese patent application 11000391A, according to the English language abstract, relates to an aromatic vessel which maintains an effect of an aromatic by arranging a means of intermittent heating of a positive characteristic thermistor heating element, and arranging the aromatic so as to be volatilized/dispersed by this heat.

PCT patent application WO 00/48922, according to the English language abstract, relates to a plug which comprises a body that can be permanently coupled to the mouth or neck of a receptacle containing an air freshener or insecticide liquid.

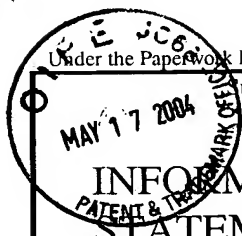
PCT patent application WO 02/060494A1, according to the English language abstract, relates to a system based on changing evaporation intensity relying on the chimney effect by changing the amount of air circulating through the freshener device near the wick.

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